

Message Text

SECRET

PAGE 01 BOGOTA 04247 300828Z

12

ACTION ARA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SNM-02 DHA-02 /015 W

----- 093880

R 292030Z APR 76

FM AMEMBASSY BOGOTA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4818

DEA HQS WASHDC

INFO AMEMBASSY CARACAS

S E C R E T BOGOTA 4247

DEPARTMENT FOR S/NM AMBASSADOR VANCE AND ARA, LUERS

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: SNAR CO

SUBJ: REVISED INTERNAL GUIDELINES FOR DEA OPERATIONS, COLOMBIA

REF: 75 BOGOTA 4843

1. THOUGH USE OF PHYSICAL ABUSE NOT PART OF MODUS OPERANDI GOC CRIMINAL POLICE FORCES, AND DESPITE FACT WE HAVE HAD NO SUSTAINABLE COMPLAINTS OF POLICE ABUSE FROM AMCITS ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA, I FEEL IT WISE TO INCLUDE IN DEA OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING ANY FUTURE SITUATIONS IN WHICH US CITIZENS MAY BE SUBJECT TO PHYSICAL ABUSE BY GOC POLICE. THIS ADDITION TO THE CURRENT GUIDELINES (REFTEL) IN NOW WAY INDICATES LOWERED CONFIDENCE IN DEA-BOGOTA. THE NEW GUIDELINE, IN FACT, REFLECTS CURRENT DEA OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES HERE. THAT GOC NARECOTICS AGENTS DO NOT RESORT TO PHYSICAL METHODS DURING INTERROGATIONS IS DUE IN LARGE MEASURE TO THE EXCELLENT PROFESSIONAL EXAMPLE AND TRAINING OFFERED BY SAIC GONZALEZ AND HIS AGENTS. IT IS MY AIM TO PROTECT DEA-BOGOTA FROM ANY UNJUSTIFIED CRITICISM AND TO ASSURE THAT WE ARE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY IF AMERICANS SHOULD IN FUTURE BE SUBJECTED TO VIOLATION OF THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS.

2. THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS ARE ADDED TO THE MAY 1975 DEA OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES CONTAINED IN BOGOTA 4843:

SECRET

SECRET

PAGE 02 BOGOTA 04247 300828Z

A. PARA 8: DEA AGENTS WORKING IN COLOMBIA WILL NOT INTER-

VIEW, INTERROGATE OR BE PRESENT AT THE INTERROGATION OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARRESTED BY COLOMBIAN AUTHORITIES, NOR WILL THEY SERVE AS INTERPRETERS DURING SUCH INTERROGATION, WITHOUT THE EXPRESS PRIOR CONSENT OF THE AMBASSADOR.

B. PARA 9: DEA AGENTS PRESENT WITH CONSENT OF THE AMBASSADOR AT INTERROGATIONS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS ARRESTED IN COLOMBIA WILL IDENTIFY THEMSELVES AS DEA AGENTS AND INFORM THE CITIZEN (S) OF HIS OR RIGHTS UNDER US LAW. DEA AGENTS WILL IMMEDIATELY DEPART FROM THE INTERROGATION IN A DEFINITIVE MANNER IF PHYSICAL ABUSE IS EMPLOYED BY GOC POLICE AGAINST THE AMERICAN CITIZEN. DEA AGENTS SHOULD CONTINUE THEIR PRACTICE OF DISSUADING GOC POLICE FROM RESORTING TO PHYSICAL ABUSE IN THE INTERROGATION OF SUSPECTS. IT IS RECOGNIZED THAT DEA AGENTS HAVE NO AUTHORITY TO RESTRAIN GOC POLICE OFFICERS. BUT, ALL INCIDENTS OF PHYSICAL ABUSE OF AMERICAN CITIZENS THAT COME TO DEA ATTENTION MUST BE REPORTED IMMEDIATELY TO THE MISSION OR TO THE NEAREST CONSULATE FOR INVESTIGATION.
VAKY

SECRET

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: DRUG CONTROL, INSTRUCTIONS, HUMAN RIGHTS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 29 APR 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: coburnhl
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976BOGOTA04247
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760166-0287
From: BOGOTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t1976049/aaaaagvj.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION ARA
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 BOGOTA 4843
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: coburnhl
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 JUL 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14 JUL 2004 by MartinML>; APPROVED <26 OCT 2004 by coburnhl>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: REVISED INTERNAL GUIDELINES FOR DEA OPERATIONS, COLOMBIA
TAGS: SNAR, SHUM, CO, US
To: STATE DEA
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006